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SUBJECT: UK MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS VISITS PARIS

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1. SUMMARY. VISIT TO PARIS BY UK MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DAVIES LAST WEEK WAS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE TO FENCH THREE UK POINTS: (1) NEED TO DELIVER ON PROMISES OF OCTOBER PARIS EC SUMMIT; (2) NEED FOR PROGRESS ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME; AND (3) FUNDAMENTAL ANGLO-FRENCH AGREEMENT ON MANY ASPECT OF EUROPEAN POLICY. IN UK VIEW, VISIT WAS SUCCESSFUL IN BUILDING TOWARD SENSE OF INTIMACY BETWEEN DAVIES AND FRENCH OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE WILL BE WORKING. END SUMMARY.

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2. UK MINISTER FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS JOHN DAVIES VISITED PARIS JULY 16-17 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, PREDOMINANTLY IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. IN ADDITION TO A LENGTHY MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT, DAVIES ALSO MET WITH FINANCE MINISTER GISCARD D'ESTAING, AND SEVERAL OTHER MINISTERS.

3. UK EMBASSY GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING REPORT OF OUCOME OF VISIT: TRIP WAS PART OF DAVIES' INAUGURAL TOUR OF EC CAPITALS AND DESIGNED TO CREATE MORE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOF COUNTERPARTS. ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES NO STARTLING CHANGES WERE EXPECTED, AND NONE OCCURRED. DAVIES MADE THREE BASIC POINTS IN HIS CONVERSATIONS. FIRST, SOME VISIBLE PROGRESS HAD TO BE ACHIEVED IN CARRYING OUT THE PROMISES OF THE EC SUMMIT, TO DEMONSTRATE TO NATIONAL CONSTITUENTS THAT EC MEMBERSHIP WAS WORTH THE PRICE. IN UK CASE, AGRICULTURAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EC MEMBERSHIP HAD TO BE OFFSET BY SOME PUBLIC EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS TOWARD CARRYING OUT MANDATE OF SUMMIT. SECOND, AND RELATED TO FIRST TIEM, DAVIES' EM-PHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENTING EC REGIONAL DEVELOP-MENT FUND. GOF RELUCTANCE TO MOVE TO SECOND STAE OF ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION BY FIRST OF JANUARY 1974 IS LIKELY TO BLOCK THE FUNDING OF THE REGIONAL PROGRAM. ON THIS ISSUE, FRENCH REPORTEDLY SHOWED NO FLEXIBILITY, CLAIMING THAT AS LONG AS THE POUND FLOATED FREELY, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE AHEAD, EVEN PARTIALLY, ON EMU. THIRD, DAVIES EMPHASIZED THE GENERAL AREA OF BROAD AGREEMENT BETWEEN UK AND FRANCE ON EC MATTERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, AFTER HIS MEETING WITH JOBERT, DAVIES SAID: "WE ARE PERHAPS NOT ALWAYS IN AGREEMENT, BUT IN THE BROAD VIEW WE ARE NOT SEPARATED. WE SHARE THE SAME IDEAS BUT WE SOMETIMES EXPRESS THEM DIFFERENTLY."

4. UK EMBASSY DISPUTED "LE MONDE" REPORT THAT DAVIES BELIEVES FRANCE AND UK SHARE SIMILAR POINT OF VIEW ON HARDLINE APPROACH TO COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH US. RATHER, ACCORDING TO OR SOURCE, DAVIES TOOK TONE THAT EC SHOULD NOT HOLD UP TRADE TALKS PENDING RESOLUTION OF MONETARY CRISIS, CONFIRMING REPORT IN PARIS 19874.

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5. COMMENT: AS SEEN FROM HERE, DAVIES' VISIT POINTS UP UK INTENTION TO KEEP PRESSURE ON THE FRENCH TO DELIVER ON PREV-IOUSLY AGREED MOVEST TOWARD CLOSER EC INTEGRATION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME AMPLIFYING THE CHORDS OF UK-FRENCH HARMONY. MORE-OVER, DAVIES VISIT MAY HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN PUSHING GOF TOWARD MORE FLEXIBLE STAND IN EC ON RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MONETARY CRISIS AND MTN, AS REFLECTED IN BRUSSELS THIS WEEK.
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